GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2891
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
FREE LEGAL AID TO POORS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to various States by the Union Government to provide free legal aid to the poors during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether all the States have properly utilized the funds for providing free legal aid;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to amend the rules framed for this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) During the last three years the Union Government have allocated funds through National Legal Services Authority to various State Legal Services Authorities for meeting the cost of legal services in terms of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 as per statement annexed.

(b) The Central Government does not allocate any funds to the State.Funds are allocated by the National Legal Services Authority to the State Legal Services Authorities on receipt of detailed requirements.The State Authorities are required to utilize these funds for the purposes for which these have been sanctioned. If any State Authority is unable to utilize the amount of funds sanctioned to it in a particular financial year, then it seeks the approval of National Legal Services Authority for carry forward of the balance amount to the next year.

(c) : does not arise.

(d) & (e) : National Legal Services Authority, which is also called the Central Authority, has laid down policies and principles and has framed various schemes for the purpose of making legal services available under the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987.These schemes and policies are reviewed by the Central Authority from time to time and modifications wherever required are carried out.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2891 dated 7.12.2000.

STATEMENT SHOWING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS MADE TO STATES BY NALSA DURING THE LAST THREE FINANCIAL YEARS i.e., 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000.

SL.No.	Name of the State/UT	Funds Allocated During		
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,00,000	Nil	1,00,000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	50,000	43,000	1,00,000
3.	Assam	2,50,000	2,25,000	1,00,000
4.	Bihar	8,00,000	-	1,50,000

5. Goa	3,00,000	-	-
6. Gujrat	-	-	1,25,000
7 Haryana	2,67,000	5,00,000	-
8. Himachal Pradesh	9,50,000	-	6,06,795
9. Jammu & Kashmir	65,000	-	1,50,000
10. Karnataka	-	-	1,74,000
11. Kerala	-	36,000	9,00,000
12. Madhya Pradesh	5,00,000	3,00,000	3,00,000
13. Maharashtra	3,00,000	5,00,000	14,00,000
14. Manipur	13,00,000	3,00,000	11,00,000
15. Meghalaya	18,00,000	9,00,000	9,00,000
16. Mizoram	3,00,000	13,00,000	3,00,000
17. Nagaland	13,00,000	3,00,000	3,00,000
18. Orissa	8,00,000	7,50,000	3,00,000
19. Punjab	7,00,000	3,00,000	18,50,000
20. Rajasthan	13,25,000	3,00,000	12,14,000
21. Sikkim	3,00,000	3,00,000	3,00,000
22. Tamil Nadu	3,00,000	4,50,000	20,00,000
23. Tripura	23,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
24. Uttar Pradesh	2,00,000	2,00,000	13,50,000
25. West Bengal	2,00,000	9,50,000	20,50,000
26. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2,00,000	17,00,000	22,00,000
27. Chandigarh	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,00,000	10,00,000	2,00,000
29. Daman & Diu	12,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
30. Delhi	2,00,000	2,00,000	17,00,000
31. Lakshdweep	38,00,000	2,00,000	15,00,000
32. Pondicherry	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
33. Supreme Court Legal Services Committee	2,00,000	2,00,000	15,00,000
Total	59,91,795	2,45,89,000	2,54,50,000